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SUBJ: POSSIBLE IMPROPER ISSUANCE I-20'S

REF: TEHRAN 8512, TEHRN 8626

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN EXPERIENCEING INFLUX OF I-20'S SIGNED BY AMCIT MERVYN L. FISHBACK AND ISSUED LOCALLY BY HIM. FISHBACK HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH EMBOFFS SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST YEAR AND IN APRIL 1976 SHOWED EMBOFF DOCUMENTATION STATING HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO ACT AS A QUOTE RECRUITER OR REPRESENTATIVE UNQUOTE OFR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

A. DON BOSCO TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, ROSEMEAD, CALIFORNIA;

 $\hbox{B. NORTHWOOD INSTITUTE WITH CAMPUSES IN WEST BADEN, INDIANA;}\\$

 $MIDLAND,\,MICHIGAN,\,AND\,\,CEDAR\,\,HILLS,\,TEXAS;\,AND$

 $\hbox{C. ELECTRONIC COMPUTER PROGRAMMING INSTITUTE, FRESNO,}\\$

CALIFORNIA.

ALMOST ALL I-20'S CURRENTLY BEING PRESENTED ARE FOR DON BOSCO OR NORTHWOOD AT CEDAR HILLS OR MIDLAND. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN ADDITION, HE ISSUES I-20'S LOCALLY FOR AMERICAN

LANGUAGE INSTITUTE, FRESNO, OR CLOVIS, CALIFORNIA.
IN THE PAST, FISHBACK HAS RECRUITED FOR JOHNSON AND WALES
COLLEGE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, BUT EMBASSY IS NOT
CURRENTLY RECEIVING I-20'S FROM HIM FOR JOHNSON AND WALES.

- 2. FISHBACK HAS APPARENTLY BEEN ADVERTISING UNDER NAME "WEST VISA" IN LOCAL FARSI PRESS AND PROMISES ACCEPTANCE INTO ONE OF ABOVE SCHOOLS IN TWENTY FOUR HOURS. IN RECENT WEEKS, NUMBER OF APPLICANTS WITH I-20'S SIGNED BY FISHBACK HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY. ON AOUGUST 24 ONE APPLICANT STATED HE PAID \$857 TO OBTAIN I-20 FROM FISHBACK. IN ADDITION, OTHER APPLICANTS HAVE STATED THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN NOR QUALIFIED FOR PURSUING CERTAIN COURSES OF STUDY LISTED ON I-20'S WHICH THEY RECEIVED FROM FISHBACK.
- 3. IN VIEW OF CURRENT PROBLEMS CITED TEHRAN 8512, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF FOLLOWING POINTS:
- A. WAS FISHBACK AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE I-20'S BY SCHOOLS CITED PARAGRAPH ONE;
- B. UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS, FINANCIAL, ACADEMIC AND OTHERWISE, WAS FISHBACK SO AUTHORIZED;
- C. WHAT IS DEPARTMENT'S OPINION REGARDING VALIDITY OF I-20'S ISSUED LOCALLY BY FISHBACK? HELMS

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